

NAVAL STATION BREMERTON INSTRUCTION 7431.1A

From: Commanding Officer, Naval Station Bremerton

Subj: MESS SEPARATELY (RATSSEP) POLICY

Ref: (a) DODFMR VOL 7A, 250204
(b) MILPERSMAN 7220-140
(c) MILPERSMAN 7220-160
(d) MILPERSMAN 7220-180

1. Purpose. To issue policy and procedures for requesting and authorizing enlisted personnel to be authorized to Mess Separately (RATSSEP) and receive Basic Allowance Subsistence (BAS).

2. Cancellation. NAVSTABREMINST 7431.1.

3. Background. References (a) through (d) state enlisted personnel on duty, where a General Mess is operated and who are assigned to subsist therein, may be authorized by the Responsible Commanding Officer (RCO) to mess separately (RATSSEP) and receive BAS. The Commanding Officer, Naval Station Bremerton is the RCO with respect to authorizing RATSSEP.

a. RATSSEP is authorized solely in the interest of the individual and not to provide additional compensation or privileges. Each case must be considered on its own merits, and approval granted accordingly.

b. No personnel in grades E1 through E6 residing in the Consolidated Bachelor Housing (CBH), except as entitled in paragraph 5 below, will be authorized RATSSEP.

4. Scope. This instruction applies to all NAVSTA Bremerton and personnel attached to tenant commands, Shipyard and fleet units undergoing availability/overhaul when their general mess is inoperative.

5. Eligibility. E7 and above personnel are always eligible to mess separately and receive RATSSEP. All E6 personnel and below residing in the CBH will receive meals in a government mess (subsistence in kind), and are entitled to Partial BAS.

a. Enlisted members in paygrades E-6 and below may be authorized to mess separately and receive RATSSEP by the RCO for the below listed circumstances:

(1) Personnel who have been authorized to reside off base and are drawing Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) or reside in military family housing.

(2) Personnel residing on station whose work hours prohibit them from taking at least two meals in the General Mess.

(3) Other personnel authorized by the RCO, on a case-by-case basis.

b. Voluntarily vacating the CBH (single BAH not authorized) will not qualify an individual for RATSSEP.

6. Authority. The Administrative Officer, Naval Station Bremerton is delegated approval authority. All appeals must be routed to the Commanding Officer. Approval authority is delegated to the Officer-In-Charge (OIC), Personnel Support Activity Detachment (PERSUPDET), Bremerton, to approve RATSSEP for Reserve individuals performing active duty for training who are not residing in the CBH.

7. Action

a. Shipyard, tenant commands, and NAVSTA Bremerton personnel requesting RATSSEP will submit a Special Request/Authorization, NAVPERS 1336/3 (Rev. 9-75) via their chain of command, the CBH Officer, and the Food Service Officer prior to submission to the Administrative Officer, Naval Station Bremerton for final approval.

b. Decommissioning units and fleet units undergoing availability/overhaul with their general messes inoperative will submit a letter request to the RCO via their ISIC. The request will include a roster of eligible personnel. When the general mess is available, these requests will not normally be approved.

c. Parent Commands will be responsible for notifying the Food Service Officer and OIC, PERSUPPDET Bremerton. RATSSEP will be terminated if any of the following situations occur:

(1) An individual is placed in an Administrative Hold status or disciplinary status as a result of Non-Judicial Punishment (NJP).

(2) An individual changes residence from off-base to the CBH.

(3) An individual is transferred for temporary additional duty for greater than 30 days.

(4) An individual residing on station whose working hours have changed, allowing them to partake from the General Mess.

d. Shipyard, tenant commands, and NAVSTA Bremerton personnel desiring to terminate RATSSEP and BAH, and return to the CBH will submit a NAVPERS 1336/3, via their chain of command, to the CBH Officer and the Food Service Officer, and receive approval prior to moving into the CBH. Upon RATSSEP termination, the member will be issued a meal pass by PERSUPPDET Bremerton.

e. The Food Service Officer and the CBH Officer along with the OIC, PERSUPPDET Bremerton, will perform a semi-annual review of all personnel receiving RATSSEP to verify qualification. Tenant commands will assist with this audit to ensure 100% verification.

f. The Food Service Officer will submit a quarterly RATSSEP Eligibility Report to the Administrative Officer.

7. Forms. Special Request/Authorization, NAVPERS 1336/3 (Rev. 9-75), may be ordered from Fleet Industrial Supply Center, Puget Sound's Customer Service Department, using stock number 0106-LF-063-8633.

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